schools and from Page Owe.)

Cantry, under command of Major J. e-ankilla Bell, chief of the Bureau of Military Information, whose services here have been invaluable, had yelunteered to execute a flank movement. and moving off at the east had, without being effected, arrived at the one-my's flank back of the town. The na-There was no change in the Board. tives caw they were trapped, and scattering, they fied like sheep, many of them dropping their weapons in alwir anxiety to escape.

The Americans had jumped the trenches and, yelling and screaming like mad men, they were in full pursuit. It was simply a rest, and proved that even with the aid of artificial defenses the Filipinos are no match for the sturdy Americans who are fighting them. There is a sarge church in Caloocan, which, for all practical purposes, is really a fort. It was strongly defended, and it was thought that here the Filipinos might attempt to make a stand. But after the capture of the town it was found that the war ships had made the place too hot for the natives and they had apandoned the position without a struggle. Barricades had been erected at the place where the Malabon road crosses the tine of the Dagupan Ratiway, in the center of the town. These had been torn to pieces in many places by the fire from the war ships and land bat-

As the Twentieth Kand First Mon tana regiments entered the town from the south some of the fleeing natives set fire to the huts, whose roofs are made of nips, thinking to start a conflagration which would destroy the place. In this they were disappointed, however, as the Americans extinguish-

The losses of the Americans were in kined and wounded. Most of the casualties to the Filipinos were caused by shrapnet, the screaming and awful effect of which caused ferror among the natives.

Among the American wounded is Colonel Bruce Wallace of the First Montana Infantry.

After the Americans were in posses sion of the town it was found there was only one house in town that had a flag-staff. This belonged to Mr. Higgins, an Englishman, who is president or the ... agupan Railway. He loaned the staff to General Otis, and at 5:30 o'clock the American flag was floating over the town. Its appearance was greeted with enthusiastic cheering by

The insurgent troops were massing to the support of Aguinaldo's forces at Caloocan and Malabon when the fighting began. It was reported this morning that there were 6000 rebels at these two places, among them being the famous Seventy-third Filipino Regiment which, in the last rebellion, killed their the left of MacArthur's division, which Spania, officers and then deserted to is north of the Pasig river, into Caloo-Aguinaldo. Aguinaldo himself is at Marilao, where he is making desperate attempts to reorganize his shattered Particulars in the morning. and demoralized forces. What his next will be is unknown.

He cannot go to Malabon, as by so doing ...e would again expose his army to attack from the war ships, which could easily get within range of that place. It is likely that he will move up the valley in the direction of Malolos. which he constituted the capital of the so-called Philippine republic.

#### MUST SURRENDER.

Maj. Gen. Otis Had No Message for Aguinaldo.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.-A Sun cable from Manila says: Leaders of the Filipinos, including Agulnaldo, have taken well to heart the lesson taught them during the past four days and are now trying diplomacy to end hostilities which they started. Judging from the latest developments, they have failed ns badly as diplomats as they did as military strategists, and it looks as though their only course is to make a complete submission to American au-

thority. A number of prominent Filipinos visited Gen. Otis, military commander here, for the purpose of making overtures for a settlement of the trouble. They were received by Gen. Otis, but his manner was chilling. The deputa-tion were talkative, and dwelt upon the situation from a Filipino point of view, but they had absolutely nothing to offer as a basis for settlement. They pressed Gen. Otis for a declaration of some kind as to what the Filipinos must concede in order to secure peace, but his answer dashed their hopes of obtaining any terms that would prove

beneficial to the enemy.
"Tell Aguinaldo," Gen. Otis said to them, "that I have no message for him," and this ended the interview. Those who know Gen, Otis construe this as meaning that if Aguinaldo wants to end the trouble, for which he alone is responsible, he will have to treat personally with Gen. Otis and make a complete submission. He will never be recognized as the head of the so-called Philippine republic and must submit simply as an armed rebel.

WORK IS FINISHED.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The report of the War Investigation Commission strain.

the bands of the Pr to members of the Committee WHENIX and the recenter Col. Pavis, me-appointment at the White House 115 o'clock this afternoon and at once shown into the Cambet recomber they were received by the Proident Gen Bodge, the chairman of the Commission, presented the report and in receiving it the President con-granulated the Commissioners on the completion of their task.

TREASURER SUGAR TRUST

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.-The directory of the American Sugar Refining Com

#### DRY HILO

Water Power Cut Off on Account of a Drought.

(Tribune.)

For the first time since 1856, the lower spring, upon which Hilo depended for its water supply for many years,

half a day. The electric lights along the road to the long wharf have burned only an hour or two each evening, owing to lack of water to run the machinry of the Hilo Electric Co.

The dry spell is having its effect on the cane and some difficulty is met beil 3000 acres of land for the purpose with in fluming cane from the upper of the cultivation of sisal. This tract lands to the mills and unless there should be a heavy rain within the next few days some of this cane will be ruined. This condition of affairs is unusual in Hilo and is becoming annoy-ing. It is said that in the Olaa district water in some localities commands a

The rain on Tuesday beiped out a lit le, but the district can stand more

#### BENNINGTON PILIKIA. Collier Brutus Brings News From Guam.

The United States collier Brutus an chored off port at 10 o'clock last Sat slight, but the enemy's were large, both urday night from Guam. She will dock at the Mail wharf as soon as the Iris Mr. leaves there and take on about 1200 ery for the prezent company, ons of coal for Guam. The Brutus reports the arrival of the Bennington reports the arrival of the Bennington will live; where even a mountain goat from Honoiulu seme days previous to could not live, sisal will grow like a her departure hence. It is said the green bay tree; when it gets into soil condensers of the Bennington are in ad condition and that she is quite unable to proceed farther until certain parts of the machinery are brought her by the Brutus from the foundry here. The Brutus will consequently return as soon as possible.

#### GENERAL'S ACCOUNT.

Modest Report Made by Gallant Bri gade Commander.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The fol-owing dispatch from Gen. Otis was reeived tonight:

"MANILA, Feb. 10 .- Adjutant Genral: Insurgents collected consider-ible force between Manila and Calooeral can, where Aguinaldo is reported to e, and threatened to cause an uprising This afternoon I swung in the city. an, driving the enemy easily. Our eft now at Caloocan. Our loss slight; that of the insurgents considerable. Particulars in the morning. The attack was preceded by a half hour's firing from two of Admiral Dewey's ves-OTIS."

the department from Gen. Otis at Ma-nila. In the first be said, in answer to inquiries of the War Department, that as nursery stock. It takes about three the body of Cass White, Company B.

First Colorado, has been recovered from the river. White had been shot from one piant twice a year, with an in the head. The second dispatch said Corp. George B. Wardlaw, Utah Artilpounds to the green frond. Take five ery, had been slightly wounded in the

eft ankle, condition good. The third dispatch, timed Manila 11 a. m., February 10th, referred to the purchase of some horses and other supplies and made no reference to the engagement with the insurgents

#### HOUSE MAY OBJECT.

Senate Committee Fixes Ship Flag Day

January 1. WASHINGTON-While the Commit on Commerce of the Senate today efused to add any of the other emergency legislation which was urged for Hawaii to the bill extending the navigation laws, it did find reason to extend the time during which purchased by the citizens of Hawali are eligible for American register. Instead of making the date at which the laws of the United States should apply, July 1st, as did the House, bill, it was decided to set the date at January 1, 1899, which allows several vessels bought after the passage of the annex-ation resolution by Congress to secure American register. In fact, it was stated in the Hourse during the debate that Hawaiian register was given to several ships as late as December 15, 1898. There is a chance that this ac-tion will be met by the House with a firm refusal to recede from its position, and the result may be that the lobby of shipowners here may out until the end of the session.

#### DEWEY NOT IN POLITICS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10,-Judge Brawley of South Carolina is in possession of a letter from Dewey, in which the Admiral declares he will not be a candidate for President. Dewey writes that his training has been along other lines and that he could not stand the strain.

10.—Judge drove thirty miles after he was taken, let was taken, let

#### A SISAL FARM WE HEAD THE PROCESSION

### New Enterprise On Land Near Kwa Plantation.

Progress Made by the Hawailan Fibre Company - Outlook for First Crop is Good.

Twenty miles west of Honolulu there is today an infant industry, comparatively unknown, which at no very distant date will probably take a leading rank in the industries of

Islands. Last April a company was forms ed for its water supply for many years, with Cecil Brown, president; Mark has dried up and the problem of furnishing water for lights, power and on, secretary and treasurer; A. H. household use is getting to be a sertious one.

On Monday both planing mills were notified that power would be furnished for running the machinery only during for running the machinery only during half a day. The electric lights along.

Now possibly everybody does not know what sisal is. Sisal is a fibre of tae Agave family and flourishes chiefly in Yucatan and the Bahama Islands.

The Hawailan Fibre Co. upon its organization, leased from Jas. Campof land is twenty miles west of Hono-luiu, being two miles beyond Ewa mill and ten miles from Pearl city. It ex-tends some distance mauka of the raiload track and on the other side clear o the men.

it has not been many years since the first sixal plant was imported here with a view of another possible industry. Joseph Marsden imported a number from the Bahamas about five years ago and they were planted on a small piece of land this side of Pearl City, where is a pond for one-half the ear and dried mud during the other haif. They did not thrive, and it was thought they needed more water, as much as sugar cane. Some were taken up and planted on one edge of Ewa plantation, near the railroad track, by Lowrie. This lot forms the nurs-

Sisal is a peculiar plant. brive and flourish where nothing else that is rich and has depth, and where something else might possibly grow, immediately declines and loses strength. It does not depend on the soil for nourishment. Given plenty of heat and sunlight a little moisture now and then, a stretch of rocky land and you have your model site for the culivation of sisal.

The tract selected by the Hawaiian Fibre Co. is admirably suited for the purposes desired. It is rough, rocky and about as useless looking a piece of pround as one could find. It is not to be thought of in connection with

sugar. Today about seventy-five acres of land are under sisal cultivation. plant on an average is about three feet in circumference, that is the bulb itself, and has no roots to speak of. The branches or fronds from which hemp is extracted, grow to a height of from three and a half to five and feet, tapering off to a small needle like barb, and in all directions and angles. The perpendicular fronds are never They are not ripe. As they ripen they fall toward the ground and then they are ready to be cut and turned into hemp.

While the plant has no roots to speak of, it throws out numerous suckers, or feeders, in all directions, Three telegrams were received by which turn into small plants. Thes pounds to the green frond. Take five the amount of pure fibre obtained from one plant in a year.

The company has cleared and planted about seventy-five acres of land. A comfortable home for the manager has been built. Everything is well con-

ducted and prosperous looking.

The main difficulty is to obtain the flire from the plant. Extensive machinery is necessary, but the manage ment intends to put up the machinery in time to reduce the first crop, which they expect to take off in about two This is one of the new businesses of

the Islands. The hemp industry is confined to a few places. It now seems that it will not be long before these Islands will take a leading, if not the leading place in the hemp industry. Specimens of hemp which have been worked out by hand can be seen at this

#### CERVERA'S REWARD.

MADRID, Feb. 10 .- The Supreme Military Court, which has had under consideration the loss of the Spanish squadron at Santiago de Cuba on July 3d last, has decided to prosecute, in connection with the disaster. Admiral Cervera and Commandant Emilio Diaz de Moreau, former captain of the de stroyed cruiser Cristobal Colon.

#### HE CAME NEAR DYING.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his tussle with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken

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